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Title : CONNECTOR FOR MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS
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Print EFS Data Sheet
 25 Pages of Specification including Abstract and Claims (in Japanese)
 40 Numbered Claims Calculated as 40 Claims for Fee Purposes
 12 Sheets of Drawing Containing Figures 1 to 15. (Formal)

Inventors Designation Sheet
 Priority is Claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119:

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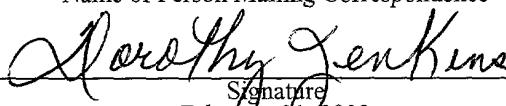
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